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appropriated the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of building a Chemical Laboratory on the Farm in accordance with plans then adopted, but upon receiving bids for construction from several responsible parties it was found that the appropriation was insufficient and an additional appropriation of \$4,000 was asked and granted at the May session. As soon thereafter as possible the contract for constructing the building was let to Mr. William Gosling of Newport. Mr. William Weeden, having the contract for excavating the cellar, began work June 4th. On August 8th a *corner-stone* was laid at the north west corner of the building, with a brief ceremony and in the presence of the Board of Managers and about fifty people who had gathered from the vicinity. The assembly was called to order by the President of the Board, who invited Rev. E. F. Watson, of Matunuck, to offer prayer. The laying of the corner-stone followed. In a pocket made for the purpose, under the corner-stone, was placed a carefully sealed glass jar in which had been placed a copy of the Report of the Joint Special Committee appointed by the General Assembly to purchase a site for the State Agricultural School; a copy of the First Annual Report of the Board of Managers to the General Assembly; a copy of the Rhode Island Manual for 1888-9; a roll of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, May session, 1889; a roll of the Rhode Island Senate, special session, July, 1889; a list of the town officers of the Town of South Kingstown; a list of the Experiment Station working staff; name of the architect, E. A. Ellsworth, Holyoke, Mass.; name of the builder and others engaged in the work; a copy of the *Providence Journal* for July 14, '89, containing an illustrative article descriptive of the station and farm, and five pennies of this year's coinage. Mr. J. G. Peckham, of Kingston, in a few words, characterized the occasion as an auspicious one for the farmers of the State and of the South County in particular. The sympathy of the community in the work and